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Questions of general interest to investors will be answered in this column, in which case only initials will be used. Others will be answered by mail. Address all inquiries, inclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, to Financial Editor, The Tribune, 154 Nassau Street, New York City.

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Holds Tel. and Tel. Rights

Question—I appreciate your answers to beginners and definitions of elements, but for heaven's sake what are "rights"? You mean that if you didn't have them, the telephone and Telegraph 3 shares of 12½% and plus what make rights? If they are held by someone else, who, how acquire them with \$500 cash? (Telephone and Telegraph) and shares at 12½ already bought? Enlighten me—A. W.

Answer—if you held eight shares of American Telephone and Telegraph stock in your name on September 8 you are entitled to eight "rights" to subscribe to additional stock. With five rights you may obtain one additional share at \$100 plus \$102.75 on November 1 in addition of interest and dividends. You should then dispose of the three other "rights" at about \$5.50 each or buy two in the open market and subscribe to two shares of new stock instead of one.

"Rights" represent the privilege attaching to each share of stock to subscribe to new shares.

View on Real Estate Bonds

Question—Do you regard the S. W. Straus Co. bonds as generally safe investment for a farmer who only occasionally gets a few hundred dollars added to his property of plowing in good years, which may come in many years in later years. The reason that I use the term "general" is because we have no way to tell whether the bonds will be better than another. Your opinion in this matter will be very thankfully received—T. H.

Answer—The Straus plan for lending on real estate places the primary emphasis on the earning power of developed properties. S. W. Straus Co. attempt to make loans on properties in the direct line of growth of cities. Because they endeavor to select exceptional areas, they attract a far larger proportion of the total value of the property than the old-fashioned mortgage companies and savings banks. Accordingly, the potential or theoretical risk involved is relatively enhanced. S. W. Straus & Co. seek to offset this by a scientific plan of amortization by which payments are made by the principal sum, not only for interest requirements but also to reduce the principal sum through serial redemptions. Thus the total amount of the principal sum of the loan is progressively lowered as time goes on. S. W. Straus & Co. have shown good judgment in the selection of properties and have a good record. Enclosed are my views, which must be judged on its own merits and not on particular factors to consider are the ratio of the loan to the total value of the property—the known earning power and the possibilities of depreciation.

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"The new bureau of auditing and accounting of the exchange, which was organized for the further protection of the public has been in existence for the last several days. The ways and means committee commanded King to appear before it Tuesday and after hearing what he had to say the committee was unanimous in its recommendations.

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Her Bond Called

Question—Was away on my vacation until October 1 when I presented a coupon from the National Bank of Commerce. It was worthless. Was not notified by the Trust Company that the notes were to be called. Is there any correspondence to give notice to its stockholders concerning the calling of their bonds? Mrs. M. H. K.

Answer—A corporation or the trustee acting for it, is not required by law to send a special notice to each bondholder in the event that a call of bonds has been called for redemption prior to maturity. Notification of this kind would be impossible, since the ownership of coupon bonds is constantly changing without the knowledge of the issuing company.

It is provided that notification shall be made by publication. This was done in the case of the Texas Company 7 per cent notes. The September coupon, as such, cannot be cashed for the reason that the notes were called as of August 17. On that date interest ceased and the holder of a coupon is not entitled to August interest. In redeeming the notes the company gave holders 10% accrued interest. Up to five-sixths of a half year's interest had accrued, and this was paid by the company or its trustee. You are entitled to this interest.

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New York Metal Market

Tin was dull, with Straits quoted at 12.25@12.32½%; standard, 22.35¢ and 22½ cent; 22.75¢, standard, 22.35¢ and 22½ cent; standard spot, September and electro-

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Cuban Tobacco Crop Less

WASHINGTON, Sept. 27.—Cuban tobacco production for 1922 was placed at 300,000 bales, as compared with

the Commerce Department to-day

C. B. Hurst, American Consul at Havana. Stocks on hand were esti-

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August Railroad Earnings Show Strike's Effects

Majority Report Decreases in Earnings; Illinois Central and New Haven Net Income Increases

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